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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: MARR, MNUC, PO

SUBJECT: PORT VISIT

1. NAVY IS CONSIDERING A PORT VISIT TO PORTHINHO DA COSTA  
NATO FUEL PIER BY A FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE (FBM) SUB-  
MARINE DURING THE LAST WEEK OF DEC 76 - FIRST WEEK OF  
JAN 77 FOR ABOUT 4 DAYS. THIS WOULD BE A VISIT FOR CREW  
MORALE PURPOSES. THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE IN OUR POLICY  
TO NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR  
WEAPONS. ANTICIPATE VISIT WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN SAME  
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LOW KEY MANNER AS VISIT BY USS TUNNY (SSN 682) IN AUGUST

1976.

2. YOUR COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED ON THE FEASIBILITY OF THE VISIT AT THE PROPOSED TIME. THE ONLY OTHER PLAN FOR A NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP VISIT TO PORTUGAL NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION IS FOR AN SSN IN LATE JAN 77. (A VISIT TO PORTUGAL BY A SURFACE NPW DURING THE CURRENT DEPLOYMENT OF THE NUCLEAR POWERED TASK GROUP IS NO LONGER CONTEMPLATED.)

3. WE DO NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE OUR VISIT PRIVILEGE IN PORTUGAL. THEREFORE, OF THE TWO VISITS CONTEMPLATED, THE FBM VISIT HAS A RELATIVELY HIGHER PRIORITY FROM A CREW

MORALE STANDPOINT.

4. IF YOU CONSIDER THE VISIT FEASIBLE, THE FLEET COMMANDER WILL SUBMIT A ROUTINE REQUEST FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE TO THE USDAO LISBON. KISSINGER

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